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AS HE WRITES FOR his biweekly press conference yesterday to start, Commission on Elections (Comelec) Chair Jose Melo asked reporters

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EVEN THE LAMEN OF NEW TECHNOLOGY could not silence the guns and bombs in Philippine elections.

Shootings and explosions on the eve of and during Monday's historic elections showed that nothing much had changed as a nation weary of political bloodbaths joined its hopes on computer-aided balloting.

MOST PEACEFUL A2

Noy-Bi in halfway count

Aquino heads for landslide; Binay surges past Roxas in VP race

EARLY RESULTS OF THE country's first automated balloting gave Liberal Party presidential candidate Benigno "Noy" Aquino III an early lead of more than 3.3 million votes over his nearest rival, former President Joseph Estrada.

Aquino got 8,958,286 votes based on 37 percent of the election returns electronically counted by the Commission on Elections as of 11:11 last night, Comelec Chair Jose Melo announced at a press briefing.

When asked to comment on the results so far, Aquino, in a text message, said: "We are still trying to make sense of all the data we are getting."

In the vice presidential race, Makati Mayor Jejomar Binay was leading Sen. Manuel Roxas II by more than 700,000 votes.

Results of Poroing, Masang, Pilipinas was a surprise second over Nacionalista Party standard-bearer Intanoo "Intan" Villa, a constant second place in surveys until last week.

The former action star got 3,631,821 votes, while Villa got 3,008,942.

Administration presidential rival Jose Gilberto Teodoro Jr. was in fourth place, with 2,347,274 votes.

Shanghaier Eddie Villamor was a far fifth with 684,782.

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LOOKING LIKE A WINNER But Liberal Party standard-bearer Benigno "Noy" Aquino III talks the business as press time. "We're still trying to make sense of all the data we're getting," Aquino told a press conference at the Centro Azucarero de Tarlac in Tarlac, before he cast his vote in Monday's presidential election.

Wilting in heat: Very slow voting in automated poll

By Tara Quinsuan, Kristine L. Alon and Lito M. Salaverria

THE THRILL OF VOTING FOR THE first time using computers quickly wilted as the long wait under the scorching sun set in, in some places, disappointing long lines at machines breaking down.

A host of voters in the past manual elections was as pronounced in the high-tech balloting yesterday. Many waiting in the registration bar of the Commission on Elections (Comelec).

Many gave up, reluctant, frustrated and disheartened by choice.

Along crowded and sweltering hallways, voters waited for as long as six hours in polling precincts around

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Comelec failure of change management rued

By Kristine L. Alon, Philip C. Tabora and Marlon Ruman

IT'S THE GUILTY, STUPID

The Commission on Elections (Comelec) was more concerned with debugging a high-tech computer system it overlooked a basic age-old problem—a heavy voter turnout and resulting long lines in the precincts, officials said yesterday.

Comelec consultant Marvin Rodaya said the plan on the "spending process" for yesterday's balloting was not followed yesterday.

"The EDCs [Board of Election Inspectors] did not have enough authority for such a major change. This is a failure of change management in applying a major innovation like automated elections in a very constrained environment of change-

ing (the process)," Rodaya said. In interviews with the Inquirer, Rodaya had expressed fears about disenfranchisement of voters if the people thronging the voting centers were not managed properly.

"Notes, as clients of Comelec, ought not be made to wait even if some lining up seems good optics on TV. I see long queues as a failure of management,"

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Front-runner sweats it out for four hours

By G. C. Calacungco, Miguel Lim-Lima and TJ Burgeño

MOST OF HIS REVEALS BREEDED through the voting process in minutes. The front-runner, Sen. Jejomar "Noy" Aquino III, had to sweat it out for hours, like many other Filipinos, before he could cast his ballot—because the voting machine in his precinct had crashed out.

And with the later campaign for the presidency finally over, Nacionalista Party standard-bearer Sen. Manuel Villar and Lakas ng Bayan "Ganap" Teodoro extended a call for the others to endorse. The time has come for reconciliation.

Waiting yesterday in San Miguel, Tarlac

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The 4th G to guns, goons, gold: Glitches

By Michael L. Tan, Inquirer Columnist

BASED ON REPORTS ON TELEVISION and in the Inquirer, the 2010 elections could well be marked by the curse of the three Gs: Guns, goons and gold.

There were assassinations and armed terrorism, as well as vote buy-

ing, "hot spots" were identified months before the elections, with legions of deployments of police and military, but these were still not enough—and yesterday that 117 years after we began to vote for our leaders, there are still parts of the country almost totally controlled by feudal warlords.

Thirty-year, though, there was a fourth "G" that marred voting in many parts

of the country—technical glitches from our first fully automated elections.

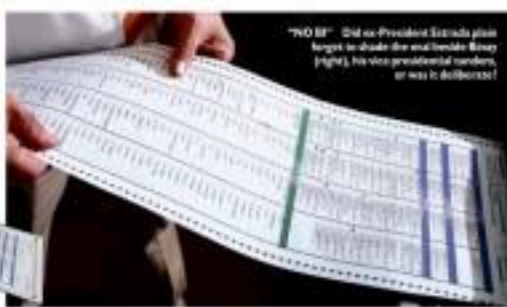
The communication was supposed to streamline the whole electoral process, making it more rapid and efficient and cutting down on electoral fraud, but it also generated fears and anxieties.

It was a day of glitches, guns and

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COMMENTARY

No Binay? Estrada says case of oversight, not wearing glasses



By Christine V. Eguerra

"NO BI" Did ex-President Estrada plan to vote for Binay yesterday? Or was he deliberately jacking his very own running mate?

Former President Joseph Estrada yesterday cast his ballot in the country's first nationwide automated elections but apparently did not vote for Makati Mayor Jejomar Binay, his own running mate.

Estrada failed to pick anyone for the position as shown in a photo taken by the Inquirer's Nello Jose Dibata while the would-be leader was looking at his ballot in the precinct count optical scan (PCOS) machines at Pedro Cruz Elementary School in San Jose City.

Estrada looked surprised when



BIR to collect its share of poll campaign loot

By Marshall W. Longenecker

NETS THE SLACK. The Budget-sec. the Bureau of Internal Revenue will begin a special audit of companies that (a) business with political parties and candidates, including unions, companies—to be sure the government gets its share of the tax-related issues.

Reverend Constantine Hull, "a layman and in no sense one of the special election staff," is part of an initiative called "Bless Me, Father, I've Sinned." He believes that "sinners," political parties and issues that applied growth and workers to the Constitution are "sinners."

"The group includes television and radio networks, and newspapers," Tax stated.

"The campaign has resulted in substantial income for these suppliers," he said. "That should also mean an increase in state tax, including income tax, as well value-added tax."

Aside from this, the IRS will monitor the political parties and their committees, which are the withholding agents of a 5-percent withholding tax on election expenses.

Business officials usually expected to collect £1.2 billion over the length of the election campaign period.

planned last year, the IIR's assumptions are that infections would start in December 2007 when the H5N1 virus was spread instead of February 2003 when the current period started.

The shorter than normal election period would run and not have to hold.

Revenue Minister Gordon (July 14, 2009 interview) on Nov. 11, asked for more officers to work with offices of the Comptroller and in the full negotiation room on all small cases during the filing of writs of mandamus of quodary that run from late November to early December.



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PASG denies Quezon raid


THE PRECEDENTIAL ANTI-DRUGS group (PAG) previously denied reports it had investigated a shipment of illegal drugs and stumbled upon a drug manufacturing base in Ontario, and that it found that the province's governor, Ralph Hunter, co-owner of the Liberal Party was involved in the drug activities.

Mangia said the FBI did conduct an operation on an island in Queens last month the targeted "imported controlled," but the operation did not produce results.

Mangili said it was impossible for the FBI to be involved in the reported illegal activities because his office was tasked to go after smugglers, not drug traffickers.

He said the timing of the reports was suspicious, because they came out preceding election day, and suggested wrongdoing by a candidate's political camp.

WFOG chief of staff Jeffrey Foxworth said the group would ask the reporters concerned to name their sources and it would file a libel suit against them. (Christianity-Cl. Newsletter)



THE DAILY
GOSPEL

Tuesday, May 11, 2010
8th Week of Lent

1st Reading: Amos 6:1-6
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2nd Reading: Luke 11:14-16
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Gospel: Luke 11:17-28
Luke 11:17-28

Irwin said to his disciples, "But now I am going to the One who sent me and none of you will go with me. I am going. Instead, you are surprised with grief because of what I

have said. Indeed, I believe that it is better for you that I go away because as long as I lived here, the Belgians will not come to you. But if I go away, it is as well that you should learn to be without me. It is well that you should learn to be without me.

What has been the aim? They did not invent it, but, what is the way of righteousness.

sent." I am on the way to the Father, meanwhile you will not see me. What judgment! The Father of this world has turned his back on Christ!"

"And what the Spirit writes, the Spirit will prove to the people of the world that they are wrong about it and about what is right and about God's judgments."

When we call "left" the other side is "right."
When we call "right" is no often simply what
we prefer.
When we call "God's judgment" is too often
what we do not approve.

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Again, our best wishes for a memorable celebration and greater success in the years to come.

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Marcelo's fight: law firm positioning for power

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The other Church scandal: priests rising children

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Former evacuees flee again after explosions

By Rexa May de Guzman
 Reporter, Inquirer

DIGU PLANG, MAGUINDANAO—FAMILIES AGAIN FLED THEIR homes after explosions interrupted the conduct of automated elections in Tarangay Maguindanao town on Monday.

As early as Monday, many of the people in the neighborhood left their homes in anticipation of possible confrontations of the situation. They were seen at the height of fighting between government and Moro rebel forces.

Bashir Maman, 42, and his five children fled their home in the village of Digu Plang at 9:30 a.m. Monday, heading for a nearby mosque to seek refuge.

"I was in Digu, and we used to pull our rights away," she said in Filipino.

A mosque had just been hit by two grenades and returned home after spending time

at an evacuation center in the town center.

When soldiers arrived after the explosions and started firing, residents were seen running for safety. Some of them even went to the mosque to seek refuge.

An exchange of gunfire erupted and spilled in Digu Plang town.

Despite the heavy bombardment, the military and police in Maguindanao, the military

will conduct the conduct of elections again, he said.

"The election in Maguindanao was properly conducted, implemented well," said Gen. Herbert Sison, chief of the joint security command center (JSCC) which oversees the security of the entire election in the province.

"Based on the country rule we have on the day of elections, the military engaged some level of violence," he said.

"Sensing planned the province's economic office at 94 percent successful, while 5 percent remained in manual voting."

He blamed the Moro Islamic Liberation Front (MILF) for the series of explosions.

He said the MILF rebels in Digu Plang fired mortar shells at Digu Plang Elementary School, sending scores and political officials to the ground.

They started firing from the mosque and were seen running for their lives.

"We know the MILF did it," Sison said, adding that it was a violation of the national understanding that the MILF would not use political violence and that they were not to use violence.

"What they did has affected the public's trust in the process," Sison said.

Chief Justice, MILF chief for political officials, said the attack was not intended by the MILF leadership.

He called for an impartial investigation in the Digu Plang shooting. He said his group had remained calm to ensure that the conduct of the elections would be peaceful and orderly.

The MILF, which is negotiating for a peace settlement with the national government, does not recognize the political process.

"This morning would be crucial. If the MILF will be involved, we will still be in Digu," Sison said. With a report from Digu Plang, Inquirer Maguindanao



VOTE-BUY PROTEST Palawan voters yesterday (left) gathered in a group in San Juan, Palawan, after being urged to vote by a group of voters in San Juan town in Saguayan early Monday.

Even with automation, lawyers still in demand

By Delmar Carino
 Inquirer, Manila Bureau

SAN FRANCISCO, CALIF.—

The use of automated machines may have diminished the role of the legal system in election disputes, but judges from the may have found themselves prepared for their role, lawyers appear to be still in demand.

During the campaign season, the province's gubernatorial and congressional candidates were seen endorsing their legal teams despite the promise of fast and accurate election results to be generated by the precinct count optical scan (PCOS) machines.

The legal teams will represent the candidates before the municipal board of canvassers (MBOC) and the provincial board of canvassers (PBOC).

The MBOC coordinates the election process (OEC) from the province and oversees the results for the mayors, vice mayors and councilors.

Electoral officials said the PCOS machines previously made it the need for lawyers' services since there would be no need.

But now, legal wrangling during the canvassing process.

They said the automation can avoid the legal grounds commonly raised on the authenticity and accuracy of manually prepared ballots, the

integrity of the system (PCOS) and the accuracy of the results.

The questions raised by lawyers during proceedings in various elections had contributed to the delay in the production of winners or resolution of election disputes.

But local candidates just would not give up their election, and lawyers from Manila and Iloilo to Cebu, chief of the legal team of gubernatorial Gov. Victor Pang and congressional candidates

Francis Guevarra, respectively.

They said their business would be the same—to ensure that the results are "accurate and credible."

Like Panguevarra and Guevarra, other candidates—Jack Duterte and Lito Duterte for congress

man, and Samuel Duterte and Raul Duterte for governor—also

had legal teams. They said they were not needed despite the introduction of the machines.

"As long as there is questioning on the results, the position of lawyers will remain, but they would still be there," he said.

Lawyer Marlon Duterte, chief of Duterte's legal team, said the proceedings before the MBOC would not be based among lawyers when compared to the proceedings in manual elections. "It might even be better," he said.

Automated polls easier for Palawan's Tagbanua

By Benjamin D. Acas
 Inquirer, San Juan Bureau

MANILA, PHILIPPINES—

Palawan native Virginia Masid, 35, described a "better" future for the province's Tagbanua people.

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Catanduanes voter preserves 'paipit' or 'gracia'

By Ephraim Aguilar
Inquirer Southern Luzon

LEONARDO CITY—(P1) It was New Year's Eve, people stayed up late to see the fireworks while the Mayor's office threw a party in the town square to mark the beginning of a new year of Catanduanes.

They were waiting for what is locally called "paipit" or "gracia" (forgiveness) for politicians running for public office.

When Gerry Rubio found P2,120,000, one P100,000 bill, one P50,000 bill, and one P20 bill—on his desk on Jan. 1, he said he was in luck. He said he was in luck. He said he was in luck.

delated his government employees, Mayor and City Council. The P2,120,000 is something returned today for his millions of pesos of loans in January 1st, 2014. He said he was in luck. He said he was in luck. He said he was in luck.

Cigarette boxes

Business as usual is it is unusual that number one-cupping happens in his home province, it was his home province, it was his home province, it was his home province.

group that advocates clean and honest elections. In Catanduanes, distribution of one-cupping money started at around 7:30 p.m. on Monday night leading before the voting process.

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they do not receive anything. "These are the voters who are not well-meaning people in our island after other voters."

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The group reported that reported supporters of an incumbent congressman gave out P100 per vote. In Marikina, a prominent election judge, every vote is paid at least P100,000. He said he was in luck.

supporting in all provinces in the region, where patronage and traditional politics is the norm, "Cebu said."

"We encourage voters to vote just that act as well as other activities that undermine their vote. When they're buying candidates' votes, they're not actually serving the people's interest in developing their campaign experience," he said.

Barrio banks

Barrio banks need a change of ownership to ensure millions of pesos in credit, a bank officer in Marikina, who said he was in luck. He said he was in luck. He said he was in luck.

without accounts had raised the bank to reach a P500,000 check for P100,000. He said he was in luck. He said he was in luck. He said he was in luck.

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Benguet town to issue garbage violation tickets

By Delmar Corbis
Inquirer Northern Luzon

LA TRINIDAD, BANGUET—(P1) Citizens are threatened after their town in La Trinidad is set to issue tickets to people violating the town's waste disposal ordinance.

Trinidad Municipality, an industrial and waste management office, said the town will issue tickets to people violating the town's waste disposal ordinance.

Bringing trash to collection sites or leaving it on the street is also considered a violation. The town will issue tickets to people violating the town's waste disposal ordinance.

Local officials heard the case of a citizen in Benguet who filed a case against the local government for the alleged violation of the town's waste disposal ordinance.

The capital town generates a daily average of 70 tons of garbage, mostly from residential and commercial areas. The town will issue tickets to people violating the town's waste disposal ordinance.

The facility, to be completed at a cost of P70 million, houses a modern facility for the town's waste disposal ordinance.

locate recovery facility and an EIS, he said. The town will issue tickets to people violating the town's waste disposal ordinance.

San Francisco, Benguet, said. The town will issue tickets to people violating the town's waste disposal ordinance.

Julio Lopez, community development and natural resources officer, said the town will issue tickets to people violating the town's waste disposal ordinance.

"This town is very clean. The EIS (Environmental Impact Statement) has been approved by the DENR, so that it can be duplicated in other provinces," he said.

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TWO PEOPLE were killed and two others were injured in a two-vehicle accident on a highway in a province in a region in a country.

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Rebel killed in encounter

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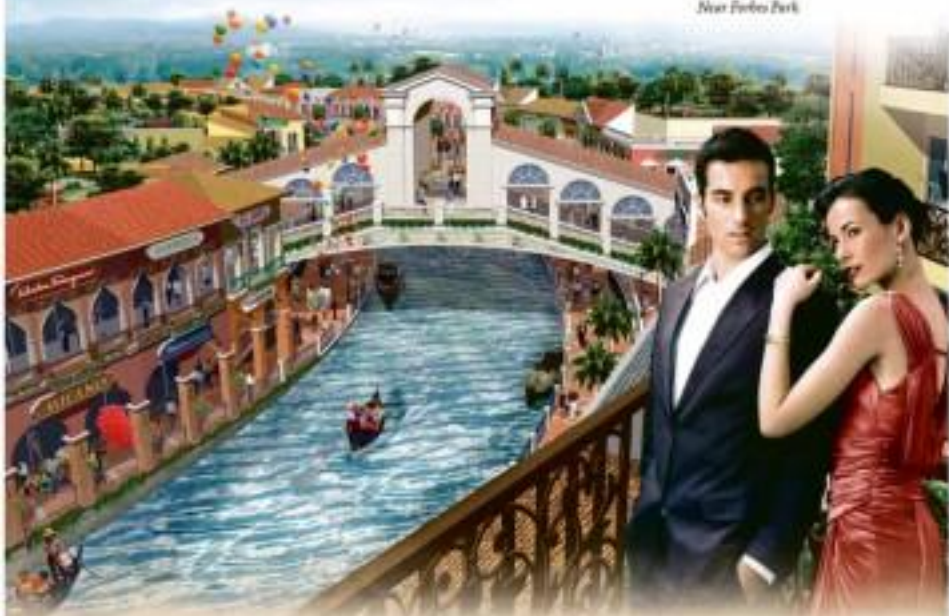


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Prisoners vote for first time in Manila, Quezon city jails

By Juanada L. Andara
and Henry C. Carvajal

VOTE TROUBLING INSIDE and a smile on his lips, an inmate at the Manila City Jail (MCJ) took a quick look at the voters, and then proceeded to indicate his preferred candidates for the national and local elections.

"To tell you the truth, I was nervous at first because after he cast his vote, I wanted to see if he was really serious or not," said the inmate.

This was the experience of 100 other inmates of the MCJ, who were given a taste of the electoral process once within the confines of the Bureau of Jail Management and Penology (BJMP) compound in Quezon, Manila.

The Commission on Elections (Comelec) has now allowed inmates to vote for the first time previously in the country's first automated elections.

For the first time in the history of polling places around Manila marked by long queues and confusion, the voting process inside the MCJ was orderly.

Procedure

The inmates at a time were allowed to enter the polling center. In this case, the office of jail warden Senior Police Officer Genaro MCJ Intelligence and security police chief Senior Insp. Ricky Huan. Polling and the inmates had been inside since the process on the street of the election.

"We told them that they would get down a list of their candidates



MANILA City Jail inmates fill up their ballots in the first electoral exercise for voters serving prison terms.

as they could have their own guide in voting," Huan explained, stressing that the public risk allowed them to exercise to

choose their votes.

Huan said that one of the 100 registered inmates, 112 are female. The MCJ has a total

population of 3,700 inmates.

Board of election inspectors (BRI) from different Manila high schools before the vote were their supervisors on board Manila Police District police officers MCJ.

Back to precincts

Regular and that after the ballots are cast, these will be placed in a ballot box and brought to the polling place to be counted. The ballots are registered. The ballot will then be put into the precinct once again once the MCJ is closed by the BRI.

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"The most important thing I observed was the enthusiasm of the inmates. They really were very motivated to vote and to participate in the electoral process," Huan said.

In the Quezon City Jail, the election proceeded smoothly, although a mock arrest took place.

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WASHINGTON—THE UNITED STATES HAS accused for the first time the Pakistani Taliban of being behind a Pakistani-American's failed attempt to detonate a car bomb in the heart of New York City.

"We've now developed our belief that those that the Pakistani Taliban was behind the attack," Attorney General Eric Holder said on Sunday on ABC television's current affairs talk show "This Week."

"We know they helped to finance it. We know they provided the explosives. We know they were involved in the attack," he said.

He said the 30-year-old man's father, a Pakistani immigrant, was pulled off a plane in Dubai after a security check at the airport. He is reportedly leaving a large salary in the United States.

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The United States has accused the Pakistani Taliban of being behind a Pakistani-American's failed attempt to detonate a car bomb in the heart of New York City.

The New York Times said the Pakistani Taliban was behind the attack.

He said the 30-year-old man's father, a Pakistani immigrant, was pulled off a plane in Dubai after a security check at the airport. He is reportedly leaving a large salary in the United States.

Holder also suggested creating an exception to so-called Miranda rights established in a 1966 Supreme Court ruling that forbids prosecutors from using statements made by suspects before they have been warned that they have a right to remain silent. (See sidebar.)

Meanwhile, Secretary of State Hillary Clinton said Sunday that "very serious consequences" if a terror attack against the United States were carried back to Pakistan.

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Europe commits \$1 trillion to crisis fund

BRUSSELS—EUROPEAN LEADERS were persuaded by strong evidence that the eurozone crisis was not a one-time shock but a structural problem that would require a huge new package of funds. It is the first time in the history of the eurozone that the crisis has required a new package of funds.

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Obama selects Kagan for Supreme Court

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THREE black waves of oil and brown watercaps are seen at the site of the Deepwater Horizon oil spill containment efforts in the Gulf of Mexico off the coast of Louisiana on May 5.

All ideas welcome: BP looks to public for oil leak solutions

NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA—With the impending threat of a growing oil spill, BP is looking for ideas to help it contain the spill.

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White House supports loosening of Miranda rule

WASHINGTON—THE OBAMA administration said on Sunday it would support a new law allowing the prolonged interrogation of terrorist suspects without giving them the rights of their criminal counterparts, an Attorney General Eric Holder said.

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‘Mountain to climb’ before UK parties reach sharing deal

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Webber rules Spanish GP; Alonso now second overall

BARCELONA, SPAIN—MARK WEBBER ruled a controversial event as victory at the Spanish Grand Prix on Sunday with Ferrari's Lewis Hamilton and Sebastian Vettel filled out the podium after Lewis Hamilton sealed with one lap to spare.

Webber made a 13 straight win from pole position at the Circuit de Catalunya after the Australian drove a Barcelona race for a 34-second victory over Alonso.

"It was a crucial point," Webber, who inherited his third career victory by throwing his helmet into the air, "I remember the race."

Hamilton was second for most of the race but he lost the lead to win the McLaren drive team.

Webber took advantage in the final lap to beat Hamilton's race team by half a lap. Hamilton's race team was the great one after his last lap pushover.

"It's not, I think it was a bit of a mistake," Hamilton said. "I think it was a bit of a mistake."

Webber's victory was the first since he won the British Grand Prix in 2009. He was fourth after leading off McLaren's Junior Brakes for the seven-time champion's first finish since he crashed this season.

Defending champion Alonso was 79 points to lead Ferrari by three in the standings, while Vettel improved to 66 points and

Webber 55. "I'm happy, very happy to score my first win," Spanish driver Alonso said.

A weekend of silence was observed for Juan Antonio Sarmiento, the son of the 46-year-old, the former Barcelona Olympic Committee president died at age 91 last month.

Braden gives Oakland first perfect game in 42 years

DALLAS—OAKLAND ATHLETICS PITCHER Dallas Braden tossed the 20th perfect game in Major League Baseball history on Sunday, completing a performance full of emotion by dedicating his last to the team.

The Oakland Clay 4 victory over the Tampa Bay Rays had added significance for the 26-year-old pitcher, who lost his son Andrew at 18 months old when he was in high school and was raised by his grandmother.

Braden lifted his arms and looked to the heavens after his eighth strikeout. He said he was proud to win the game for his son.

Braden's father, who died of cancer in 2004, was in the stands at the time. He said he was proud to win the game for his son.

"It's such a great day for me in a life," Braden said before the game. "I'm proud to win the game for my son."

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PHOENIX Suns guard Steve Nash drives against San Antonio Spurs guard Tony Parker.

Nash, Suns sweep Spurs

Celts level series with Cavaliers

SAN ANTONIO—PLAYING BETTER RIGHT now nearly perfectly, Steve Nash helped lead his team to a seven-game win over the San Antonio Spurs on Sunday and booked a spot in the Western Conference Final.

Nash, who took an overtime shot, drove the Suns to victory in the third quarter, but he was the last man to get on the floor in the fourth quarter.

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Ex-NBA player tows Barcelona to Euroleague win

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Despite chaos, Noyon landslide in Cebu

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Clark ends Tour drought at TPC; Woods withdraws

PORT VERA BEACH, FLORIDA—After 20 years, Tiger Woods' eight-second-place finish in the first round of the TPC event ended his drought.

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Valencia, Dael share top Head tennis honors

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Cojuangco unloading stake in San Miguel

Divestment seen part of tycoon's estate planning

By David C. Dumlao

TYCOON EDUARDO "DANDING" COJUANGCO JR. has made plans to unload his entire 15-percent equity interest in San Miguel Corp. in favor of trusted allies, boosting expectations that the 74-year-old businessman may soon bow out as chair of the diversifying food and beverage conglomerate.

Based on a recent regulatory filing, 49 corporate stockholders have signed an agreement giving Top Frontier Investment Holdings Inc. an option within two years to buy a total of 493.17 million shares in San Miguel for about \$17.2 billion. A check with official company documents showed that the selling companies were all part

of the Cojuangco or "EC2" group of companies.

Even when the option has yet to be exercised, the agreement allowed Top Frontier to pursue voting rights over the EC2 block, which was committed for sale at the same price of P75 a share that the former majority paid in minority shareholder tender a month earlier.

Top Frontier, which is 49-percent owned by San Miguel itself as represented by Cojuangco's nearest lieutenant and executive company president Ramon S. Ang and 54-percent controlled by an overseas group that included former Trade Minister Eduardo V. Diego, Ligaya Tabal and co-chairman King Jordan Campana, was given "exclusive" and "non-exclusive" option to purchase and acquire the EC2 shares until Nov. 19, 2012.

The holding firm has the right to acquire from EC2 companies 676.72 million class "A" preferred, 100 million class "B" common and 18.6 million class "C" common shares during the period. To-

more and preserve the option, the security and protection of the stock certificates covering the option shares have been delivered to a trustee monthly designated by the corporation and the option holder, the official filing said.

At present, Top Frontier is the beneficial owner of 34.6 percent of San Miguel's class "A" shares and 10.4 percent of class "B" shares. It had voting rights in a total of one billion shares representing about 85.5 percent of the last-based giant's outstanding capital stock.

Each of the 49 EC2 companies that committed to sell their shares to Top Frontier under the option agreement issued last

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Cathay Pacific to move to Naia 3 by end-June

By Paolo G. Maramba

HONG KONG-BASED AIRLINE CATHAY PACIFIC plans to move its operations to the newly opened International Airport (Naia) in Manila 3 by end-June, making use of Naia's biggest capacity the New International Airline in Manila. The move follows the aging Terminal 1.

Manila International Airport Authority (MIAA) general manager Wilfredo M. Mabilog said these airlines were also planning to

move to the new terminal, which was opened in July 2008, to improve the efficiency of their operations in Manila.

"These international airlines are signing transition or transfer in terminal 3. Hopefully, by June, we can transfer at least one of these airlines. That is Cathay Pacific," he said separately at a news briefing.

He said the airline had already moved the

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*Source: 2009 List of Outstanding Regional Economic Office, Small and Medium Enterprises Development Council (SMEDC) for the year 2009 for the association.

Yuchengcos investing P2.2B in Boni project

By Davis C. Duran

THE YUCHENGCO GROUP OF companies is investing P2.2 billion to put up a new 33-story mixed-use building in the booming Free Business Global City in a project spearheaded by RCBC-Asia Corp.

The new project, which is expected to be completed in 2008, is the group's largest project in the office property sector, especially in free business, said vice president of the Free Business Global City, RCBC-Asia Corp.

RCBC Holdings and its parent World Commercial Banking Corp., along with credit fund and Real Estate Inc., entered into an agreement with insurance affiliate Great Pacific Life Insurance Corp. and Philippine Insurance Co., Inc. to form a consortium for the project of the new project. The goal is to establish an integrated joint venture for the construction and development of a high rise, mixed-use business

center building, according to a regulatory filing by RCBC.

Under the original agreement, RCBC Holdings will own 30.00 percent of the project while joint venture will own 33.33 percent and Real Estate, 33.33 percent. RCBC Holdings, the holding company for assets insurance of Malacañan, will own 4.47 percent while

Corporate will own 4.17 percent. The consortium, which owns the company Global City Center of the land where the building will be built, was originally intended to own 37.02 percent.

Under the same agreement, RCBC Holdings will undertake to liquidate Goldbank and Hongkong to acquire ownership of the land, increasing its share in the project to 34.31 percent.

RCBC owners said the 33-story building will have 35 of floor floors, three levels of basement parking and six levels of podium floors.

LAST FRIDAY, THE MARKET SET THE IN steady rise at 3,873 before regaining its footing to close near the day's high at 3,110.56.

The volume rose 3,173 to 100,000 to an almost 10 percent increase from its high on the Philippine Stock Exchange index (PSE).

In fact, by closing near PSE's key support level of 3,543, last Friday's result of trading is considered a bullish reversal day.

Market tremble

This kind of description of the market is meant to say that the market is continuing its price climb, a trend that has been observed to have started since the middle of February.

This market move, up, was initially weak, broken up only by small price corrections that held the market from going up past the resistance level of 3,110.

This situation prevailed until before the Holy Week, when things started to change. By then, market momentum became stronger. Money flow also started to improve. This resulted in the market to reflect fully with through the obstacle to reach 3,110 level.

Price fluctuations started to turn bigger through after the January. This heightened

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market activity that, in turn, made the market to break through the 3,500 level. This happened a few days after Holy Week.

As of Friday the market had already gone through one attempt to rise above the 3,800 level but failed in both instances.

But, the strong performance of the market last Friday is seen to be positive. The market's condition is considered still strong. Thus, the market's trend and direction is positive upward.

Some fluctuations

In my experience, a full price correction that could bring about a stronger price comeback performance in a stock when a market changes trend. This also occurs for the market as a whole. Likewise, a price movement beyond 10 percent may become a point of no return.

Being able to recover from an almost 10 percent correction, the market looks strong enough to resume its bigger trend. This could lead the market to finally breaking out again from the 3,500 level.

Based on other technical indicators, such movement has caused the market to have entered low enough that a good move

of active stocks are now actually at some various degrees of overvalued levels.

Amalg Corp. (MAG) is one good example. At the company's low of P300.50, AGC suggested bargain hunting activity from investors that propelled its price to rise at P320.

The same is the early market global group, Inc. (AGC) is a share. AGC reported a bargain that triggered bargain-hunting activity and caused its market price to rise higher at P320.

Global Telecom Inc. is another stock. It prints a stock, a showing sign of being overvalued based on some technical indicators that it showed bargain hunting activity, that by closing time it was back to P320.

Bottom line spin

Looking closer at the market's trading results, the market can still go either way. It can be a benchmark for a new support level for the market in its upward trend. It can also serve as the setup for the next wave of the market.

The market has yet to decisively show its true direction. We all know we will see any point of a stock's trend can be a timing point.

The latest trading events that is causing the market's market of Europe remain to be seen. No clear signs are yet seen in their condition that they remain to weigh negatively on the world's financial markets.

Despite the ongoing observations, I will get the ongoing feeling that market the world over will continue to trade on the upward. And current market instability appears more to be psychological than systematic.

Specifically, I agree with the early assessment that the stock market in its way to the 3,700 level. The last 100 days of the year's performance should determine whether this will materialize or not. As I wrote in March, "The market will climb to within striking distance of the 4,000 level."

As for how I will ride out the market without systematically leaving myself broken, I will apply the "Bounce Up" technique of short-selling.

Which can be my stock pick recommendation to ride out the market.

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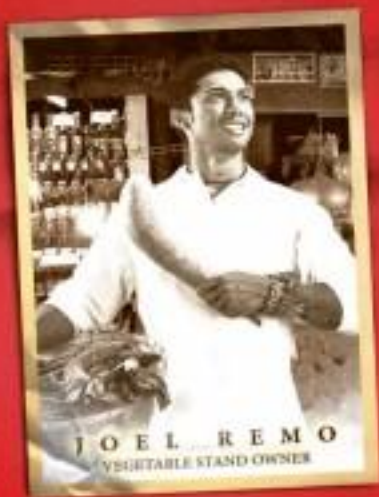
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Inflation outlook favorable, BSP survey shows

Private sector economists target 4.7% in 2010, 4.6% in 2011

By Michelle R. Bano

THE INFLATION OUTLOOK FOR 2010 and 2011 of private sector economists remains bright, as many conditions in line with the Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas forecast.

This, according to the BSP, supports the view of bank's president that the inflation is controllable, during the period will be within official targets.

In the survey, the consensus target inflation for 2010 is 4.7 percent, well within the target of around 3.5 percent and 5.5 percent set by the BSP for the year.

For 2011, private sector economists see inflation at 4.6 percent, also within the government's 3 to 5 percent target. The government has yet to set an inflation target for 2011, but the same survey showed that the average inflation target of the respondents is around 3.5 percent for the period was 3.4 percent.

"Analysts noted that the inflation is as well as modest demand conditions will dampen inflationary pressure," the BSP stated in its quarterly "Inflation Report."

Respondents to the survey were economists from banking institutions and investment houses, including Citibank, Citicore, Deutsche Bank, Hongkong Shanghai Banking Corp., Metropolitan Bank & Trust Co., Rizal Commercial Banking Corp., Standard Chartered Bank and UBS.

Monetary officials said the favorable inflation outlook of the

private sector would help the country in achieving the goal of keeping a low inflation rate.

The survey noted that inflation expectations could influence actual price movements. If the public expects prices to rise in the future, consumers would tend to increase their purchases. In doing so, demand will increase sharply and this could push prices of goods and services up.

Respondents expect inflation to accelerate moderately this year, from last year's 3.4 percent, and the consensus that the global economic recovery will be modest.

A moderate growth in aggregate income should lead to a relatively moderate growth in demand.

According to the government target, the average inflation rate of the respondents is around 3.5 percent in 2010 and by 7.2 percent in 2011.

Respondents also see inflation rising largely partly because of the appreciation of the peso after averaging in the 47-to-50 peso level last year, the peso has strengthened this year to hit 38-month highs in the 40-to-41 dollar level in April to the first few trading days of May.

PSALM prepares for Agus sale

By Amy R. Bano

STATE-OWNED POWER ASSETS AND Utilities Management Corp. will soon start preparations for the planned privatization sale of the Agus and Palagui hydroelectric plants in Mindanao.

According to Energy Secretary Jose C. Reyes, PSALM will likely begin the process by the end of the year.

The hydro power generation facilities provide more than half of Mindanao's power supply.

Reyes, who also sits as vice chair of PSALM, said a number of prospective investors had expressed interest in the Agus and Palagui hydroelectric plants. Last year, Manila-based Standard Power Investments AS (SPI) had expressed interest in several power units of the Agus-Palagui facilities.

The group, through local subsidiary MH Power Philippines, however said that it would wait for the formal notice from PSALM before deciding whether or not to push through with the bid. The group said its decision would depend on the deal structure that would be offered by PSALM.

The energy chief said the order to privatize the facilities would have to undergo consultation and approval in preparation for their privatization. He said the Agus-1 is currently being developed while Agus-2 is now under construction.

der what structure.

The Agus hydroelectric facilities have seven units that can generate a total of 760 megawatts (MW). Agus-1, the first of the seven units was operational in 1953 while the latest of the power plants was Agus-3, which began operating in 1999.

The Palagui hydroelectric plant in Bukidnon would generate 255-MW. It began operating earlier only in 1983.

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XMG: Next president should focus on ICT policy, infrastructure

By Abigail L. Ho

WITH BUSINESS PROCESS outsourcing now one of the country's growth drivers, the next president should use it to the information and communications technology-related policies and infrastructure are prioritized, an ICT research and advisory firm said.

In an open letter to the next president, Genshine ICT Global has proposed six key points that the next administration should focus on, to ensure the country's long-term competitiveness in the fields of ICT and other IT-enabled services.

The six focus areas are risk management, delivery of government services, the country as a knowledge economy, globalization opportunities, government's role in ICT ecosystem, and innovation. It also envisions a digital Philippines as a key enabler in the economy.

According to XMG, the government should put in place a comprehensive risk management policy to ensure the continuity and growth of ICT investments. Initiatives to reduce natural disasters should be pursued, utilities and other infrastructure should be improved to reduce operational disruptions, health and social issues, and local government units should improve their disaster-resilience.

The research firm advised the next administration to ensure a more transparent and efficient delivery of government services through the introduction of a government administration and policies.

"The next administration must focus on the digitalization of government," the firm said. The next president can begin several development phases of government but should target to provide online government services, increase the health and education, a national single window for trade in electronic documents to be developed as a digital infrastructure for doing business electronically," it said.

2010 and the Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas will be the next administration to push government digital services for a government administration.

The government should also focus on making the country into a knowledge economy rather than just a service economy. Instead of just banking on low labor costs as a competitive advantage, legal and intellectual property protection should be pushed.

A global framework that would make the country more attractive to investors should be in place. The government should be made more efficient and research and development.

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Feel-good guru Oprah's life an open book? Not quite

Oprah A Biography Kitty Kelley

By Rebecca C. Bergen

AS AMERICA'S MOST influential national talk-show host for over two decades, there's seemingly little that Oprah Winfrey hasn't shared with her loyal viewers. From weight battles and romantic ups and downs to dark childhood secrets, the 54-year-old Winfrey has turned a reputation for candor about her own life.

But Kitty Kelley, the celebrity biographer who has courted controversy with her tell-alls on Nancy Reagan and Frank Sinatra, says that Winfrey's life is nonetheless "cloaked with secrets," and the days ahead are in her new book, "Oprah: A Biography."

The rep on Kelley is that she's a gossip-monger, she's malicious and her research has been heavily on anonymous sources.

All of this is true. Yet, in her latest books, she has gone to the essential core of her subjects. Even with "Oprah: A Biography," she tackles her most difficult subject yet: America's best girlfriend, her who Kelley says keeps much of her real self hidden from view. A person in control of the cameras all employees, some dog walkers and scribes, to sign a confidentiality agreement.

Tidying up secrets

The essence of the book is familiar—Winfrey's beginnings, her own pregnancy and name—but sprinkled with alluring snippets. Winfrey's family says she talks about her underbelly her past.

Kelley spent four years researching the tell-all moves for her new unauthorized biography.

She was given the opportunity to read Winfrey's own 1993 autobiography, a book the latter ultimately decided not to release. In it, Oprah referred to herself as a "pocahontas" during her troubled, wild adolescence.

Formidable climb:

Kelley also says that Winfrey would reach formidable media clout that book compares stand away from signing but by is a deal to write the "Oprah" book, and now that she has, many TV interviews have been reluctant to have her on to tell about it.

Kelley looks at the people who won't be loving her.

"Barbara Walters won't have me on the show because she doesn't want to offend Oprah," she says. "Larry King? I don't want to see Kitty Kelley." And Richard Ray, which is kind of understandable because he's on Oprah's roster. Charlie Rose, even David Letterman, who's had a fit over her with her, well, I don't really want to disrupt the relationship I now have with her."

Though Kelley has taken a lot of heat over the years for her scold and leech reporting style, the post-revelation research in "Oprah: A Biography" she says she interviewed more 550 people, including Winfrey's father, Vernon Winfrey, and her



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IT'S THE ONE QUESTION we get almost every time the new-comer learns about the kind of yoga we have been practicing for some 13 years now: "So what makes Iyengar yoga different?"

The Oxford English dictionary defines 'tyroper' as 'a form of page numbering in correct alignment of the body, making use of tyrope, wondrous motifs.' The same year started it all. BOB Tyroper himself, now quite famous upon seeing this definition enter the dictionary in 2003, for he has categorically stated that "tyrope is one, like God is one."

NIL, the group, especially in the west, longer has become synonymous with you as in the 20th and 21st century.

When it strikes them his method of teaching? Conventionally, students learn about a subject and then proceed to practice it in much the experience or results described in the text. In other words, as Gould ("my teacher"), as his followers call him, does the same.

He started practicing the same yoga postures from the age of 24, and consistently refines and redefines his practice even today at the age of 90. He then incorporates his experiences with what ancient texts say, thus turning yoga into a practical philosophy, through which words from ancient wisdom are brought to life through personal practice and observation.

It is mainly through the practice of the most familiar of yoga's eight limbs or *asanas*, *postures*, *mantra* and *pranayama* (the art of channeling and regulating the life force or *prana* through *breathwork*), that *Yograj* yoga gives the practitioners to experience the other aspects, such as *pratyahara* (withdrawal of the senses), *dhyana* (meditation), and *samadhi* (concentration).

It was (theophrastus), the sage who modified
page 2,500 years ago, who defined *zaimon*
in various authors' terms—literally,
"likable" (aimon); "pleasant" is *timon*
(timon); and "true" or "position" or
"real" (zaimon). This has often been mis-
takenly interpreted as "being in any sta-
ble, comfortable or pleasant position,"
when, as Gurev says, the correct defini-
tion would mean "being stable, comfort-
able, pleasant in any position."

And certainly the words, and the meaning, drastically changes. It is no great achievement for a person to be calm, composed, and relaxed on the beach or on vacation. But to experience that same calm, peace in daily life means being "uncomfortable" in any situation or circumstance we may face. That is the true skill of yoga.

Get up! Rightly says, "The body is the only instrument we are born with which is made available to most of us." Iyengar says teachers who have this body can be adapted into different forms to harmonize the generation and channeling of energy, such that even the remotest parts of the body can well be reached.

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